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## Wollon Double House (Roberts-Adams House)

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WOLLON DOUBLE HOUSE  
Havre de Grace, Md.

c. 1840

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Wollon Double House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

522/524 N. Adams Street

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHERrental**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

J. Thomas Wollon

Telephone #: 301-734-6901

STREET &amp; NUMBER

540 Craig Corner Road

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Court House

Liber #: 890

Folio #: 816

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Wollon Double House is a four-bay, 2½ story, brick Federal townhouse on a fully raised, lighted basement. On the south elevation, a low, random rubble foundation is visible. From the outside, the two houses, having few variations between them, are treated as one unit. The houses, built of brick, laid in common bond, are painted dark red with white trim. S-shaped tie rod ends are present in the south wall.

Located in the middle of the block with houses on either side of it, the structure is directly abutted by a 2½ story frame house on the north elevation and the side yard of the house next to it.

A two-bay porch with a hip roof shelters the entrance doors in the center bays of the facade (east elevation). The present porch has curved brackets in the corners of the bays. The porch is reached from the street by one granite and four wooden steps. The southern house has an enclosed wooden porch on the rear.

Window openings, arranged uniformly on the facade, contain 6/6 double-hung sash with masonry sills painted white and brick flat arches. Although there are no shutters on the house, the iron fasteners for them remain in the wall. Each house has a dormer with a triangular pediment and 6/6 light double-hung sash window. There are no windows on the flanks of the building. The rear elevation has four windows, similar to those on the facade; rear elevation dormers are covered with asphalt shingles.

The entrance doors are six-paneled with three light transoms, having stone sills and brick flat arches above them. On the front beneath the porch, doors open into the basement.

The south house has a slate roof while the roof of the north house is asphalt. The ridge of the gable roof runs northsouth. There are large, double, interior end chimneys linked at the base found at each end of the roof. A four course brick cornice extends across the building. The ends of the roof and house are accentuated by five courses of brick extending from the chimneys to the eaves where they project about eight inches from the facade.

Interior: The following interior information pertains to the north side of the house. This house has two rooms on the first floor with a narrow hallway between them containing enclosed stairs to the second floor. In the front room, the chimney breast has a plain mantle with a large rectangular opening, presently covered. The top of the door enframements in the front room are triangular in shape.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES C. 1840

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architecturally, the Wollon Double House is a good example of a brick double house built in a vanacular Federal style. It is a very simple townhouse where two double, interior end chimneys, linked at the base and accentuated by a five course brick band extending from chimney to eaves are an unusual feature of the house. The plan of the house differs from others in Havre de Grace built c. 1840. Instead of having a sidehall plan, it has two rooms opening into each other with a small hall between them. Also the others are detached dwellings, unlike this one, which is a double house.

The Wollon Double House is important to community planning for several reasons. First, it is constructed of brick in an area of predominantly frame houses. Secondly, it is part of a category of early-to-mid-19th century brick townhouses with English basements. Also the house forms a particular and close relationship to the Kitzmiller Apartments, 667 Otsego Street (HA-1096) and the Barnes-Hopper House, 701 N. Adams Street (HA-832). These three fine houses provide an architectural focal point in an area of town which is deteriorating rapidly despite some notable private restoration efforts.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Marion Morton - Architectural Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis, Maryland

STATE

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Wollon Double House - LAND RECORDS

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HDC 890 819 January 29, 1972

Grantors: Clarence Adams and Gladys, his wife

Grantees: J. Thomas Wollon and his wife Carol-Lyn

"part of lots 127, 128, 129, 130 in sq. 191"

GRG 671 349 March 22, 1965

Grantors: James P. Boyd and Mary, his wife

Grantees: Clarence Adams and Gladys, his wife

GRG 375 599 July 1, 1952

Grantor: G. Arnold Pfaffenbach

Grantees: James Boyd and Mary, his wife

GRG 375 591 July 1, 1952

Grantors: John Boyd, unmarried and James Boyd and Mary, his wife

Grantee: Arnold Pfaffenbach

ALJ 4 126 August 30, 1851

Grantor: John Lumsden

Grantee: Patrick Boyd

"half part of two lots each 32½' front--on which are erected two two-story brick houses."

HD 35 355 September 20, 1849

Grantors: John Vannort and Elizabeth, his wife

Grantee: John Lumsden

"the said two lots of grounds being each 32½' front, on which are erected two two-story brick houses." \$650.00

HD 26 319 December 22, 1841

Grantors: John Mitchell and Eliza, his wife

Grantees: Samuel West and John Vannart

\$250.00 buildings are mentioned

HD 23 36 May 18, 1839

Grantor: John Stump, trustee to estate of Mark Pringle

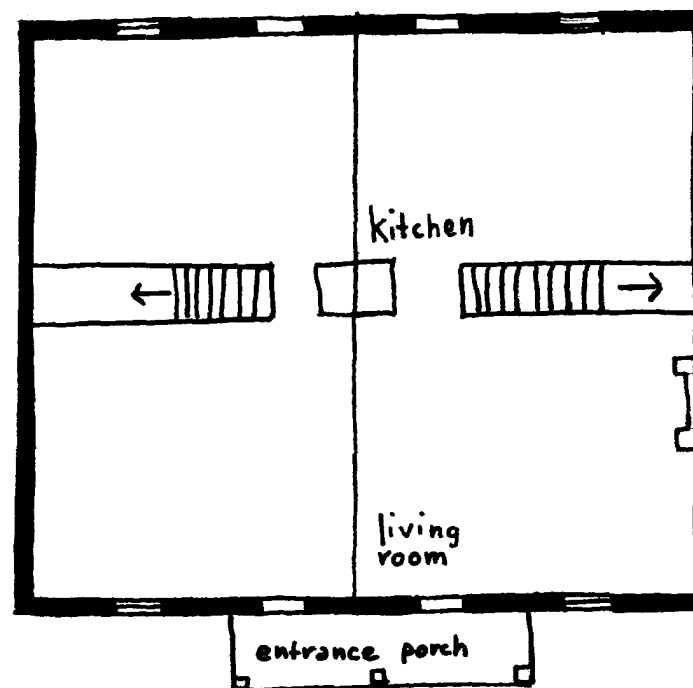
Grantee: John Mitchell

lots 116-122 and 127-137

\$115.00

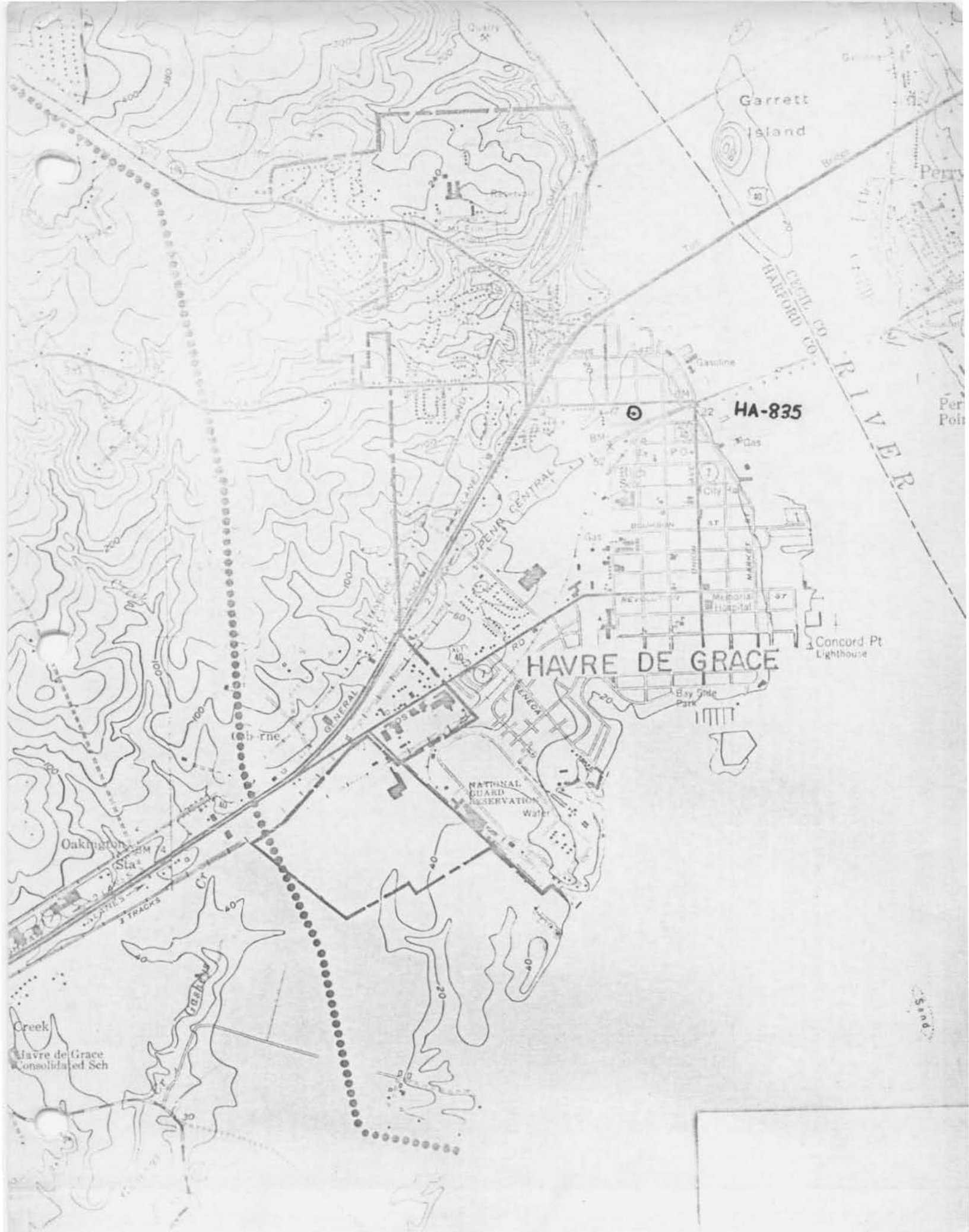
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Wollon Double House  
1st floor plan



not to scale







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522/524 N. Adams St., Havre de Grace  
Marion Morton, August, 1976  
east facade